

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
June 18, 2012

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Kelli Meserve, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Garth Meyer, Reporter for the Whitman County Gazette.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 4, 2012 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES** – Two leases are still pending.
 - B. **PORT OF WHITMAN'S REQUEST** – We received a letter and updated lease agreement from the Port of Whitman confirming they would like to use Lot 8 in Block 1 instead of Lot 9. Bob Murtha has surveyed and staked the site for the Port's telecommunication building. Council members agreed to the change and council member's consensus was to move forward with the lease. Mayor Palmer was given permission to sign the lease at the last council meeting pending legal description.
 - C. **TOWN MARSHAL VACANCY** – At the last council meeting, council members briefly discussed the option of adding a Code Enforcement position to replace the absence of Dan Brown. Keith Cooper gave examples of other towns that have code enforcement in Whitman County. If council members decide to go that direction, Mayor Palmer would need to swear in the new position. Council members all thought it would be a good idea to have an outsider do the code enforcement. Keith will discuss the topic with Sheriff Brett Myers to see if we can have another Whitman County officer enforce the code. This was tabled until next meeting.
 - D. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – Still pending inter-local agreement.
 - E. **SURPLUS WHITE PUMPER TRUCK** – Council members voted last council meeting to surplus the 1956 white pumper truck. We need a minimum bid value before going public with the surplus item. Mayor Palmer thought the truck is at least worth \$3,000 with the low miles it has accrued. It was then asked to be referred to Fire Chief, George Dewan, for a value. George receives several catalogs in the mail that advertise used equipment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MAYOR PRO-TEM – Every six months we need to renew our Mayor Pro-tem. Al Evans has been serving as our Mayor Pro-tem and he was asked if he would continue in that capacity. Randy Robinson made the motion to have Al Evans continue serving as Mayor Pro-tem for another six months. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – Nothing at this time.

AL – He brought up the need to purchase a generator for the wells in case we have a major power outage.

TOM J. – A citizen brought a concern to Tom about articles of clothing being worn at the pool. Tom was reminded the Town Council has no authority over the Park & Rec Board. The citizen needs to express their concern to a member of the Park & Rec Board.

TOM C. – He would like to see the Town coordinate with the park for the use of public restrooms in the park. The park has public restrooms open during the pool season. It would be nice to have signs on First Street pointing the direction to our park and pool facilities. Mayor Palmer will try to attend a Park & Rec Board meeting to discuss this issue with them. Mayor Palmer would also like to suggest having some decent trash cans in the park that animals can not knock over and make a mess in the park.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June 2012. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #22897 - #22916 in the amount of \$5,826.27 for claims and \$3,604.63 for payroll totaling \$9,430.90 from June 6, 2012 through June 15, 2012. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer